

Locke Street South BIA Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Melrose United Church, 86 Homewood Ave., Hamilton

In Attendance:

Tony Greco, Georgina Mitropoulos, Judy Marsales, Kirsten McNamee, Joe Stanicak, Tony Depasqale, Janne Hackl, Sean McKaig, Susan Gregor, Meredith Plant, Mark Jakubowski, Dean Anderson

Call to order: Tony Greco, Chair, opened the meeting

1.0 Guest Presentations

1.1 A presentation was made by Meredith Plant, Senior Landscape Architect, City of Hamilton

- Example of a map insert; insert will be customized to area; a way finding system; there will be a focus on the Locke Street BIA; Examples of points of interests are walkable places like, Victoria Park, Cathedral Park, Go Street Park, Hamilton City Hall, Piers 7 and 8, Pier 4 Park, Bayfront Park, Dundurn National Historic Site.
- There is space on this map for 14 locations; -they have picked about 10 locations thus far; the other side of the map will promote a tourism asset and an advertising asset
- The map will highlight the whole of the Locke Street BIA boundary, with a few blocks surrounding the BIA boundaries to help highlight walkability of the BIA.
- It was suggested to include as points of interests, The Dundurn Stairs, The Bruce Trail, Churches and Heritage Buildings, Bus stops and HSR, Bike Stations

1.2 A presentation was made by Mark Jakubowski, Alectra (Horizon) Utilities

- All hydro poles will be changed from Dundurn Street to Queen Street, from the escarpment to Main Street as of January 1st 2018
- Work will commence on Locke St. starting from CN track/bridge, moving south to Dundurn St.
- Replacing of existing wooden poles for larger concrete poles will involve a lot of work over 9 months.
- The new poles will be 55 feet high; the voltage will increase; they are changing all feeders.
- Ways in which they will try not to interfere with businesses:

- They plan to be done the major part of construction in the first quarter of the year as not to interfere with patio season.
- They will inform businesses twice about outages, the first time they will provide a week's notice, and the second time they will provide 48 hour notice.
- Outages will occur between 9am and 4pm; they will be governed by the city. Outage times will occur in blocks of 4 to 6 hours.
- New poles will look tidier.
- More room on concrete poles for banners and flowers
- Better visibility due to lighting; better infrastructure, more voltage, NO more power though.
- Plan of Action:
 - From January to March they will put up poles and string them.
 - In the Spring they will transfer service over.
 - Old legacy poles to be removed. They are estimating they can erect 3 to 5 poles a day; they will use cranes to erect them. They may use a police officer to divert traffic.
 - Businesses can expect a "mess" in front of their locations for approximately a week.
 - The city allows only one contractor to be present and working at one time, so when Alectra has completed the poles, another contractor will come in and rebuild side-walks and roads.
 - Dean Anderson explained that they will be replacing all 40 poles on Locke Street with better, stronger, more attractive concrete poles that are 22 inches in diameter.
 - They will be replacing 200 poles in the neighbourhood, 40 of which are on Locke Street.
- Group Feedback was provided as followed:

Joe Stanicak, Tony Depasqale and Susan Gregor all want to bury wires underground instead of having poles. They also feel that there should be an increase of power available. They feel strongly that since the city will be destroying the side-walks and roads any way, then they should also be able to bury the wiring underground on Locke Street specifically. This project should occur in conjunction with intended roadworks. They feel this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to really improve the efficiency of the power

on Locke Street and the appearance of the street by burying the wires and omitting the 55 ft. tall concrete poles. Georgina Mitropoulos agrees, she asked Dean Anderson if they had "heritage like street lighting", rather than 55 foot concrete poles. Dean Anderson said they only offer this one type of pole just like on Dundurn Street. They will be digging underground and burying wires only from Starbucks to Bold Street

- Dean Anderson explained that each pole erect costs \$4,000. To bury all of the wiring is a huge expense. Estimated cost to bury 10 meters of underground wiring is approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000. The budget for the whole area is 3 million dollars.
- Alectra said they will offer a quote for the pricing of underground work to appease the BIA.

2.0 Approval of Minutes from August 22, 2017

Approval of the Minutes was deferred due to time constraints.

3.0 Business Arising from Minutes

Business Arising was dealt with under New Business.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Chair Report – Tony Greco

Chair Report was deferred due to time constraints.

4.2 Locke Reconstruction Committee Report – Tony Greco

No report was available. A Report will be tabled at the next meeting.

4.3 Christmas Update – Georgina Mitropoulos

A presentation was made by the Christmas Events Committee.

- **November 24th**

Merchants unveil window displays for the "Window Wonderland".

Merchants are encouraged to stay opened later and offer refreshments like hot chocolate and cookies.

Tree will be lit in the lot next to the West Town.

Brandon Stanicak and Natalie were asked to MC this evening

There will be festive music for entertainment

- **December 2nd**

Santa will come to Locke Street in a Vintage Firetruck at 12:45

There will be an elf twisting balloons and painting faces from 2pm to 4pm.

There will be a petting zoo and hand washing station from 1 pm to 4pm

- **December 8th**
We hope to use a local Church or School location to play a family Christmas movie. We will offer popcorn, m&ms and juice.
(We are having difficulty reserving a location for movie night.)
- **December 9th**
Carolers will be walking up and down Locke Street singing
- **December 17th**
Breakfast in Pajamas with Santa at Brux House.
We will be serving pancakes, bacon and fruit.
We want this to be community event for families to bring merchants, staff and neighbours together.
We are looking for local staff to assist with service
We will reach out to merchants to provide simple ingredients like maple syrup, batter, bacon, fruit, coffee, tea, juice.
We will encourage the families attending to bring a small unwrapped toy for the Children's Aid Society in exchange for breakfast.
- **Notes:**
We considered not offering merchant Christmas trees and perhaps putting up garland instead, however, we collectively feel as though the merchant trees are enjoyed by all. We will move ahead with them as long as our budget allows it.
The horse and carriage ride does not look promising
Ken from Touch the Past is not in full operation due to health issues and he said he is committed to Dundas.
Janne Hackl suggested that "shopping local and eating local" should be the inspiration to our Christmas theme of choice-great idea!

5.0 Other Business

6.0 Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn the September 26, 2017 meeting of the Locke Street South BIA.

Moved by: Tony Greco Seconded by: Georgina Mitropoulos **APPROVED**